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TAGS: EIND, BU, GH, SP, MT

SUBJ: DRYDOCKS: BULGARIAN AND OTHER TALKS

REF: VALLETTA 1800 (NOTAL)

1. BULGARIAN DELEGATION INCLUDING BOJIDAR KIRILOV FROLOSHKI, VICE PRESIDENT BULGARIAN MARITIME FLEET, AND G. IVANOV ZLATANOV, HEAD LEGAL DEPARTMENT FTO PRANSIMPEX, BEGAN TALKS WITH MALTA DRYDOCKS CORPORATION OCTOBER 1. ACCORDING TO ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY TIMES OF MALTA, VASSIN STOYANOV VASSILEV, ALSO OF FTO TRANSIMPEX, EXPECTED JOIN DELEGATION OCTOBER 3.

2. COMMENT: LOCAL PRESS INDICATES BULGARIAN VIST RESULT TALKS WHICH HAVE BEEN GOING ON BETWEEN DRYDOCKS OFFICIALS AND BULGARIAN OVER PAST TWO YEARS. GOM EFFORTS INDUCE OTHER GOVERN-
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MENTS, WHICH HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER NATIONAL MARITIME INTERESTS,

SHIFT SOME BUSINESS TO MALTA DRYDOCKS HAVE BEEN SPURRED PRIMARILY
BY PM MINTOFF. FOUR MAN GHANAIA DLEGATION FOR EXAMPLE, EXPECTED
ARRIVE

OCTOBER 2

FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH YARD OFFICIALS ON POSSIBILITY
BUILDING SMALL SHIPS IN MALTA AS RESULT MINTOFF'S POLITICKING
AT COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE IN OTTAWA LAST MONTH. GHANIAN
DELEGATION TO BE LED BY AMBASSADOR BARNOR (RSIDENT ROME) AND
INCLUDE THREE NAVY OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. AT
SAME TIME, PRINCIPAL ADVISER TO PM GOERGE BORG CARDONA
IS OFF TO MADRID FOR SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH SPANISH OFFICIALS.
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